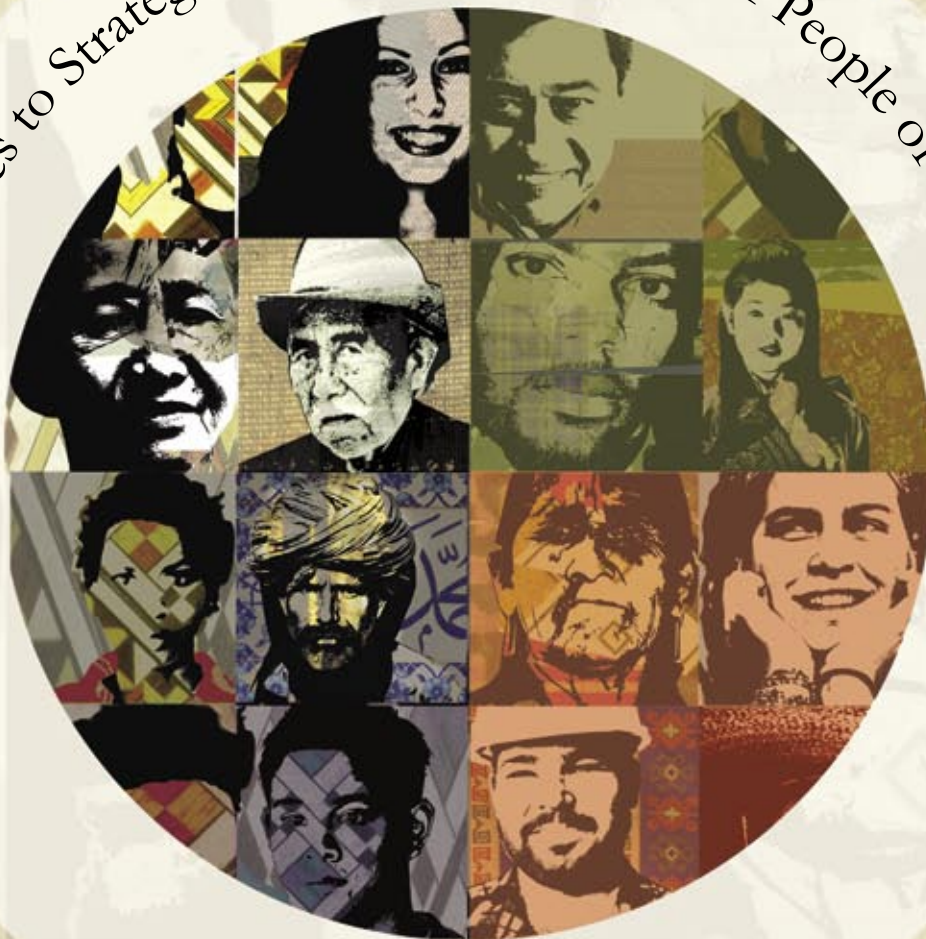


# 2005 Minority Health Conference

Priorities to Strategies: Improving Health for People of Color





October 25–26, 2005 Holiday Inn Convention Center, 3321 South 72nd St. Omaha, NE



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October 25–26, 2005

The Nebraska Minority Health Conference will focus on priority areas that affect the health status of racial/ethnic minorities in Nebraska. The conference builds on the growing awareness of racial/ethnic minority health needs by emphasizing and sharing practical knowledge, skills, and experience. National speakers will present general and plenary sessions. Breakout sessions feature local, state, regional, or national speakers, addressing public health and health disparities among racial/ethnic minorities, Native Americans, refugees, and immigrants. Topics will address clinical issues, policy issues and implications, community initiatives and programs, as well as technical assistance.







## Audience

Health care professionals, administrators, educators, physicians, physician assistants, nurses, medical residents and students, policy makers and strategic planners, outreach workers, social workers, local health departments, community health organizations, faith based organizations, federal, state and local health representatives.

## Conference Objectives

- Increase awareness of and communicate health disparities faced by racial/ethnic minorities, Native Americans, refugees, and immigrants in Nebraska.
- Identify those systemic challenges within Nebraska's public health delivery network that continue to adversely impact the access of culturally and linguistically appropriate services.
- Provide an environment for discovering, discussing, and developing strategies, approaches and action plans to eliminate health disparities in Nebraska.
- Appraise and further develop existing capacity of Nebraska's public health infrastructure in addressing current and emerging health disparities comprehensively.
- Identify health factors and behaviors which contribute to cardiovascular disease.
- Critique the needs of Native Americans, racial and ethnic minorities, immigrants, and refugees, and their communities as Nebraska's public health network designs bio-terrorism preparedness programs/plans statewide.

## Tracks

The four tracks are offered as general guidelines. Where two speakers appear in a track, each speaker will give a 45 minute workshop. You may attend any session and/or switch between tracks as desired. The Community Track focuses on the needs of racial/ethnic minority communities, successful outreach efforts, and ways to encourage involvement and initiate change. The Policy Track covers current and proposed issues affecting the health of minorities. The Clinical Track is directed at the professional interested in health care systems, clinical trials, and health care delivery and treatment strategies. The Technical Assistance Track is designed to help develop grants, find information, collaborate with other organizations and evaluate progress.



## Hotel and Parking Information

Holiday Inn Convention Center

3321 South 72nd Street, Omaha, NE

Phone (402) 393-3950

The room rates of \$68.00 for a single occupancy and \$78.00 for double occupancy are available for up to four persons in a room. Ask for the Minority Health Conference room rate. There is plenty of parking available free of charge. Complimentary shuttle transportation is available to and from Eppley Field, the Omaha airport.

| Conference Registration | Early Rates    | Late Rates    |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|
|                         | Before 10/3/05 | After 10/3/05 |
| 2-Day Registration      | \$120.00       | \$130.00      |
| 1-Day Registration      | \$75.00        | \$85.00       |
| 2-Day Student Fee       | \$50.00        | \$75.00       |
| 1-Day Student Fee       | \$35.00        | \$45.00       |

To receive the early registration rate, registration forms must be received before October 3, 2005. Registrations received after October 3, 2005 will be charged the late rate. State of Nebraska employees can be billed internally.

Registrations cancelled by October 13th can be refunded (minus 10%). Notification of a substitute must be made in order to transfer the registration fee.

Registration fee includes a continental breakfast, lunches, award ceremony, and all conference materials. Complimentary memberships to NeMPHA are available by marking your registration form.

## CME/CEU Information

### Designation Statement:

The Creighton University School of Medicine designates this educational activity for a maximum of 14.5 category 1 credits toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those credits that he/she actually spent in the activity.

### Accreditation Statement:

The Creighton University School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Application for CME credit has been filed with the American Academy of Family Physicians. **Determination of credit is pending.**

Nursing contact hours have been applied for through Creighton University Medical Center and are pending. Creighton University Medical Center is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Nebraska Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.





## Exhibit Booths

Exhibits from a variety of agencies and organizations will be available.

Contact Cindy Harmon at (402) 471-0152 for more information. The fee for each exhibit booth is \$75.00. Please make checks payable to the Office of Minority Health.

## Partnerships

Nebraska Health and Human Services System

Office of Minority Health

Nebraska Minority Public Health Association

Statewide Minority Health Advisory Committee

Creighton University Medical Center/Continuing Educational Division/Partnership in Health

## Awards

We encourage you to nominate individuals or organizations to be recognized for outstanding work in eliminating health disparities and equalizing health outcomes with racial/ethnic minority populations.

The deadline for submitting award nominations is October 14, 2005.

Call (402) 471-0152 for additional information.

Nomination forms are located at the back of this packet.

Mrs. Joyce Harrison Memorial Award for individuals

Outstanding Minority Health Community-Based Program Award

Outstanding Minority Health Service Provider Award

## Important Dates

|                  |                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| October 3, 2005  | Deadline for early registration |
| October 14, 2005 | Deadline for award nominations  |
| October 13, 2005 | Cancellation/Refund deadline    |
| October 14, 2005 | Registration cut off date       |

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| Tuesday, October 25, 2005 |  |   |  |   |
| 7:30                      | Registration   |   |  |   |
| 8:00 – 8:30               | Opening and Welcoming Remarks  |   |  |   |
| 8:30 – 10:30              | <b>Keynote Session</b><br><b>Speaker: Dr. Beverly Coleman-Miller, MD, BSN</b> , Visiting Scholar, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA<br><b>Topic:</b> Challenging Cultural Disregard and Racism: A Special Kind of Journey  |   |  |   |
| 10:30 – 10:45             | Break and Exhibits   |   |  |   |
| 10:45 – 12:15             | Community Track  | Policy Track  | Clinical Track   | Technical Assistance Track  |
| Workshop Session 1        | <b>Speaker 1:</b><br><b>Kibbe Conti</b><br><i>RD, CDE, Registered Dietician, Northern Plains Nutritional Consulting, Rapid City, SD</i><br><b>Topic:</b> The Four Winds Model for Native Nutrition and Other Examples of Native American Nutrition Models<br><br><b>Speaker 2:</b><br><b>Valda Boyd Ford</b><br><i>MPH, MS, RN, Director, Community and Multicultural Affairs, and Tamicka Bradley, BSN, Coordinator of Community Projects, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE</i><br><b>Topic:</b> PHAT Kids: Lessons Learned and Future Strategies to Improve the Health of Children and Adolescents | <b>Speaker 1:</b><br><b>Mara Youdelman,</b><br><i>JD, LLM, Staff Attorney, National Health Law Program, Washington, DC</i><br><b>Topic:</b> Chairman of Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation, and President of National Congress of American Indians, New Town, ND<br><br><b>Speaker 2:</b><br><b>Tex Hall,</b><br><i>Tribal Chairman and President of National Congress of American Indians.</i><br><b>Topic:</b> Tribal Policy Issues and Sovereignty | <b>Speaker 1:</b><br><b>Hani Atrash,</b><br><i>MD, MPH, Associate Director for Program Development, National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, CDC, Atlanta, GA</i><br><b>Topic :</b> Health Disparities in the United States: Challenges and Opportunities  | <b>Speaker 1:</b><br><b>Kimberly Richard,</b><br><i>MEd, EdD, People's Institute, New Orleans, LA</i><br><b>Topic:</b> Part 1 – Undoing Racism.<br><br><b>Speaker 2:</b><br><b>Mary Roary,</b><br><i>MHS, MBA, ASPH-CDC-PRC Fellow and Epidemiology PhD Student, University of Arizona College of Public Health, Tucson, AZ</i><br><b>Topic:</b> Identifying, Addressing, and Resolving Health Disparity Issues Along the U.S.-Mexico Border in Hispanic Diabetics at Risk for Cardiovascular Disease |
|                           | Break and Exhibits   |   |  |   |
|                           | <b>12:30 – 2:30 Lunch/Plenary Session</b><br><b>Speaker: Jin In, MPH</b> , DHHS Office of Women's Health, and Fellow – Adolescent Health and Communications, Washington, DC<br><b>Topic:</b> What's Love Got to do With It? An Approach to Adolescent Health<br><br><b>Speaker: Dick Nelson</b> , Director, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support, Lincoln, NE<br><b>Topic:</b> Medicaid Facts<br><br><b>Tigre Cox</b> - Stretching Session, 10 minutes   |   |  |   |
|                           | Break and Exhibits   |   |  |   |
| 2:45 – 4:15               | Community Track  | Policy Track  | ClinicalTrack  | Technical Assistance Track  |
| Workshop Session 2        | <b>Speaker 1:</b><br><b>Deb Parker</b><br><i>MA, CDE, Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, Carl T. Curtis Health Education Center, Macy, NE</i><br><b>Topic:</b> Exercise and Diabetes: Just a Little Helps a Lot<br><br><b>Speaker 2:</b><br><b>Georgia Jones</b><br><i>PhD, MS, BS, Assistant Professor / Extension Food Specialist, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE</i><br><b>Topic:</b> Health Promotion: It's Not Colorblind  | <b>Speaker 1:</b><br><b>Karen Kilgarin</b><br><i>BA, Community and Government Relations, Nebraska State Education Association, Lincoln, NE</i><br><b>Topic:</b> Working with Elected Officials<br><br><b>Speaker 2:</b><br><b>Edwin Galan</b><br><i>MA, MSN, RN, FNP, CAPT, USPHS, Regional Minority Health Coordinator, DHHS Region VII, Kansas City, MO</i><br><b>Topic:</b> Regional and Federal Initiatives Affecting Minority Health           | <b>Speaker 1:</b><br><b>Charles Wood</b><br><i>PhD, Professor and Director, Nebraska Center for Virology, School of Biological Sciences, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, NE</i><br><b>Topic:</b> The HIV/AIDS Epidemic and its Impact on the Minority Populations<br><br><b>Speaker 2:</b><br><b>Elmer Brewster</b><br><i>MSW, MPH, Indian Health Services, Rockville, MD</i><br><b>Topic:</b> Overview of Indian Health Service and Medicaid Issues Impacting American Indians and Alaska Natives | <b>Speaker 1:</b><br><b>Kimberly Richard,</b><br><i>MEd, EdD, People's Institute, New Orleans, LA</i><br><b>Topic:</b> Part 2 – Undoing Racism<br><br><b>Speaker 2:</b><br><b>Syed Mohiuddin</b><br><i>MD, Chief, Cardiology Division, Creighton University Medical Center, Omaha, NE</i><br><b>Topic:</b> Disparities in Cardiovascular Care   |
|                           | Break and Exhibits   |   |  |   |
|                           | <b>4:30 – 5:30 Plenary Session</b><br><b>Speaker: B. Wayne Kong, PhD, JD</b> , Chief Executive Officer, Association of Black Cardiologists, Atlanta, GA<br><b>Topic:</b> Organizational Strategies to Eliminate Disparities  |   |  |   |
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Wednesday, October 26, 2005

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| 7:45                      | <b>Registration</b>  |   |   |  |
| 8:00 – 8:20               | <b>Welcoming Remarks; Office of Minority Health video</b>  |   |   |  |
| 8:20 – 10:00              | <b>Keynote Session</b><br><b>Speaker: Sharon Medcalf, RN, MEd,</b> <i>Associate Director, Center for Biopreparedness Education, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE</i><br><b>Topic:</b> Bioterrorism Education in Nebraska<br><br><b>Speaker: Guadalupe Pacheco, MSW, DHHS</b> <i>Office of Minority Health, Rockville, MD (invited)</i><br><b>Topic:</b> Why Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) in Health Care?<br><br><b>Speaker: Maria Smith, DHHS</b> <i>Office for Civil Rights, Region VII, Kansas City, MO (invited)</i><br><b>Topic:</b> Introduction to Enforcement of CLAS Standards<br><br><b>Tigri Cox – Stretching session, 10 minutes</b> |   |   |  |
| 10:00 – 10:15             | <b>Break and Exhibits</b>  |   |   |  |
| 10:15 – 11:45             | <b>Community Track</b>   | <b>Policy Track</b>   | <b>Clinical Track</b>   | <b>Technical Assistance Track</b>  |
| <b>Workshop Session 3</b> | <b>Speakers:</b><br><b>DeAnn Carpenter, RN, MS, CDE,</b> <i>and Gerardo Martinez, Mary Lanning Healthcare Foundation;</i><br><b>Arturo Spindola, MD, MSPH,</b> <i>East Central District Health Department;</i><br><b>and Dora Munoz Curiel,</b> <i>Community Action Partnerships in Mid-Nebraska</i><br><br><b>Topic:</b> Three Minority Health Initiatives Projects in Nebraska<br><br><b>Speaker 2:</b><br><b>Tigre Cox</b><br><i>Certified Personal Trainer and Fitness Instructor, Omaha, NE</i><br><br><b>Topic:</b> Preventive Health: Stopping the Effect of Aging and Age Related Disease by Strength Conditioning   | <b>Speaker 1:</b><br><b>T.J. McDowell</b><br><i>BS, Project Manager; Lori Seibel, Kit Boesh, BS, MA, Community Health Endowment, Lincoln, NE</i><br><br><b>Topic:</b> Creating a Community Plan to Address Medical Translation and Interpretation<br><br><b>Speaker 2:</b><br><b>John Nason</b><br><i>Community Mental Health, Lincoln, NE</i><br><br><b>Topic:</b> Facilitated Discussion to Develop Future Statewide Planning Efforts in CLAS and Mental Health | <b>Speaker 1:</b><br><b>Robert G. Robinson</b><br><i>MD, DrPH, MPH, MSW, BA, Associate Director for Health Equity, CDC, Atlanta, GA</i><br><br><b>Topic:</b> Black-White Tobacco Prevalence: Elimination of a Population Disparity<br><br><b>Speaker 2:</b><br><b>Jacqueline Left Hand Bull</b><br><i>BA, Project Director, Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairman's Health Board, Rapid City, SD</i><br><br><b>Topic :</b> Addressing Perinatal Health Disparities in the American Indian Community | <b>Speaker 1:</b><br><b>Siobhan Champ-Blackwell</b><br><i>MSLIS, BA, Community Outreach Liaison, National Network of Libraries of Medicine , Creighton Health Sciences Library, Omaha, NE</i><br><br><b>Topic:</b> Finding Reliable Resources on Health Disparities in Nebraska<br><br><b>Speaker 2:</b><br><b>Patricia Lynch,</b><br><i>PhD(ABD), MS, BS, Assistant Professor Food &amp; Nutrition, North Carolina A&amp;T, Greensboro, NC</i><br><br><b>Topic:</b> Sisters Together: A Community Intervention to Improve Health Status of African American Women |
|                           | <b>11:45 – 12:00 Break and Exhibits</b>  |   |   |  |
|                           | <b>12:00 – 2:00 Lunch</b><br><b>NeMPHA Awards —</b> Joyce M. Harrison Award to an individual, a community-based program award, and a service provider award<br><b>Speaker: Adewale Troutman, MD, MA, MPH,</b> <i>Director, Louisville Metro Health Dept, Louisville, KY</i><br><b>Topic:</b> Finding the Silence Between the Thoughts: Managing Stress for Optimal Health and Wellness   |   |   |  |
|                           | <b>2:00 – 2:15 Break and Exhibits</b>  |   |   |  |
| 2:15 – 3:45               | <b>Community Track</b>   | <b>Policy Track</b>   | <b>ClinicalTrack</b>  | <b>Technical Assistance Track</b>  |
| <b>Workshop Session 4</b> | <b>Speaker 1:</b><br><b>Kari Majors</b><br><i>BS, Community Health Educator, Nebraska Health and Human Services System, Cardiovascular Health Program, Lincoln, NE</i><br><br><b>Topic:</b> Honoring the Gift of the Heart: Promoting Heart Healthy Lifestyles in Native American Communities<br><br><b>Speaker 2:</b><br><b>Ming Qu</b><br><i>MD, MEd, Injury Epidemiologist/ CODES Administrator, Nebraska Health and Human Services Systems, Public Health Assurance, Lincoln, NE</i><br><br><b>Topic:</b> Injuries Among Minorities in Nebraska  | <b>Speaker:</b><br><b>Maria Smith</b><br><i>DHHS Office for Civil Rights, Region VII, Kansas City, MO</i><br><br><b>Topic:</b> Enforcement of CLAS Standards  | <b>Speaker 1:</b><br><b>Dr. Bob Russell</b><br><i>DDS, MPH, Public Health Dental Director, Iowa Dept. of Public Health, Des Moines, IA</i><br><br><b>Topic:</b> Dispelling Cultural Myths Regarding Oral Health Care: Why Minority Families Need Access to Care<br><br><b>Speaker 2:</b><br><b>Maria Prendes-Lintel</b><br><i>PhD, LL, F.I.R.S.T. Project, Lincoln, NE</i><br><br><b>Topic:</b> Immigrants and Refugee Health   | <b>Speaker 1:</b><br><b>Amir Azimi</b><br><i>BArch, MCRP, Nebraska Health and Human Services, Support Services, Lincoln, NE</i><br><br><b>Topic:</b> Mentoring Our Diverse Resources (Immigrants) through Effective Mentoring<br><br><b>Speaker 2:</b><br><b>Jeff Armitage</b><br><i>BS, Nebraska Health and Human Services System, Cardiovascular Health Surveillance Specialist, Lincoln, NE</i><br><br><b>Topic:</b> Cardiovascular Disease Disparities in Nebraska   |
|                           | <b>3:45 – 4:00 Break and Exhibits</b>  |   |   |  |
|                           | <b>4:00 – 4:45 General Session</b><br><b>Speaker: Gene Thin Elk, MA Ele.Ed,</b> <i>Red Road Gathering, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD</i><br><b>Topic:</b> Red Road Approach to Diversity and Wellness: The Indigenous Perspective to Treatment  |   |   |  |
|                           | <b>4:45 – 5:00 Closing Remarks</b><br><b>Speaker: Dr. Joann Schaefer, MD,</b> <i>Chief Medical Officer and Director, Nebraska Department of Regulation and Licensure, Health and Human Services System, Lincoln, NE (invited)</i>  |   |   |  |





# Award Nominations

## Minority Health Conference 2005

**To:** Nebraska Minority Public Health Association Members  
and Other Interested Parties

**From:** Frank Peak, President

**Subject:** Minority Health Conference 2005 Award Nominations

The annual Nebraska Minority Health Conference honors outstanding organizations and individuals with recognition awards. We encourage you to nominate anyone who should be recognized for their work with racial/ethnic minorities. Award nominations should fall in the following categories:

**The Mrs. Joyce Harrison Memorial Award** recognizes an individual who has exhibited outstanding leadership in bringing and/or improving racial/ethnic minority health services in Nebraska.

**The Outstanding Minority Health Community-Based Program Award** recognizes a community-based program which promotes the development or provides more effective community oriented minority health care services.

**The Outstanding Minority Health Service Provider Award** is to honor a service provider for leadership in bringing and/or improving health services to racial/ethnic minority populations.

Nomination forms for each award are enclosed and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on October 14, 2005. Mail nomination forms to the Office of Minority Health, P.O. Box 95007, Lincoln, NE 68509-5007, or submit entire nomination by email to [cindy.harmon@hhss.ne.gov](mailto:cindy.harmon@hhss.ne.gov)

The final decision regarding award recipients will be announced by the Nebraska Minority Health Conference Award Committee at the conference on October 26, 2005.

Materials submitted will not be returned.



# Minority Health Conference 2005 Awards

## Mrs. Joyce Harrison Memorial Award Minority Health Individual Award

*This award recognizes an individual who has exhibited outstanding leadership in bringing and/or improving racial/ethnic minority health services in Nebraska. Factors taken into consideration include advocating for compassionate and comprehensive health care services in communities of color; collaboration and multi-disciplinary teamwork; continuous direct and effective involvement in the racial/ethnic minority community that enhances the quality of life in his/her home area; is an influential role model to racial/ethnic minorities; involvement in education; and provides lasting contribution to the racial/ethnic minority health care system.*

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Office): \_\_\_\_\_ (Home): \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominee's Contribution to Minority Health Care:

*Please describe the nominee's accomplishments and the significance of their work to minority health. A ONE page biographical sketch should be attached. Attach news articles and other documentation supportive of this nomination.*

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Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2005

*All applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. this date. Mail completed applications to: Office of Minority Health*

*Attention: Cindy Harmon, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95007, Lincoln, NE 68509-5007*

*Or email completed nominations to [cindy.harmon@hbss.ne.gov](mailto:cindy.harmon@hbss.ne.gov)*

*(This form can be duplicated as needed.)*

# Minority Health Conference 2005 Awards

## Outstanding Minority Health Community-Based Program

*This award recognizes a community-based program which promotes the development of or provides more effective community oriented minority health care services. Factors taken into consideration include effective networking; promoting compassionate and caring outreach to the racial/ethnic minority community on a continuing basis; community involvement leading to improved access to care and enhancement of quality of life; providing role models to the racial/ethnic minority community members, colleagues, and other health professionals; promoting health education and prevention, particularly in communities of color; and addresses cultural and linguistic needs.*

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Office): \_\_\_\_\_ (Home): \_\_\_\_\_

Counties Served by Nominee's Work: \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominee's Contribution to Minority Health Care:

*Please describe the significance of this community-based program. In what ways have racial/ethnic minority people benefited?*

*Include: history, funding, types of service provided, staffing and interaction with community.*

*Please attach news articles, history, letters of support, etc. in support of this nomination.*

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# Minority Health Conference 2005 Awards

## Outstanding Minority Health Service Provider Award

*Awardee is a direct service provider honored for leadership in bringing and/or improving health services to racial/ethnic minority populations. Factors taken into consideration include: provides outstanding direct health care with compassion, comprehensive and caring services; involvement in racial/ethnic minority affairs and activities of the community that enhance quality of life in the community; involvement in education; promotes inter-disciplinary health care delivery; contributes support leading to improvement of racial/ethnic minority health; and provides lasting contributions to the minority health care system.*

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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## Core Functions

1. Monitoring health problems and hazards and advocating for health equity.
2. Increasing public awareness about health disparities through information, education and empowerment.
3. Improving access to health services.
4. Promoting and advocating for cultural awareness and competency in the healthcare workforce.
5. Monitoring, collecting, developing, and providing relevant statistical data to identify health status.
6. Reviewing, evaluating, and making recommendations on policies and programs to assure effective access and culturally competent health services.
7. Increasing representation in science and health professions of racial and ethnic minorities, Native Americans, and refugees and newly arrived immigrants.
8. Promoting and mobilizing collaboration and partnerships among federal, regional, state agencies, and community organizations.
9. Expanding and improving community based health promotion and disease prevention outreach efforts.
10. Developing existing and additional resources and grants management.



# 2005 Minority Health Conference

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October 25-26, 2005

### Registration Form

We are encouraging everyone to fax the registration by October 14th to (402) 471-0383.

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| <b>Name:</b>         | <b>Title:</b>          |
| <b>Organization:</b> | <b>Email:</b>          |
| <b>Address:</b>      | <b>City/State/Zip:</b> |
| <b>Phone:</b>        | <b>Fax:</b>            |

**Required for CEU/CME Credits:** SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ License: \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle which credits you are applying for and appropriate discipline(s):** CME    CEU    Both

Nursing    Nurse Practitioner    Dietician    Mental Health    Substance Abuse

Social Worker    Physician (specialty): \_\_\_\_\_

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A limited number of scholarships are available. For information, contact the Office of Minority Health, Raponzil Drake at (402) 471-0161.

If unable to attend, please forward to a colleague.

**Make Checks Payable to:**

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Payment may follow separately.

Please send a copy of the registration form with your payment.

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# Nebraska Health and Human Services System

## Office of Minority Health

During the late 1980's, a Minority AIDS Task Force located in Lincoln, Nebraska was created to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and other general minority health issues. In 1991, the Nebraska Minority Health Coalition was created, made up of leadership from community-based organizations and minority advocacy groups. The coalition approached the Director of Health, Dr. Mark Horton, in late 1991 to indicate the need for a "Minority Health Office" in Nebraska.

A "Minority Health Status Report" published by the Nebraska Department of Health's Bureau of Health Policy and Planning (1992), reinforced the need for and influenced the creation of a "Minority Health Office." The basic message of the initial report and its subsequent updates, consistent with national studies, was that although Nebraska's population as a whole was healthy, its racial/ethnic minority populations were not; the health status of racial/ethnic minority populations continued to be poor and significant gaps still existed in the health status between white and nonwhite populations. Staffed by one person, Mr. Roméo Guerra, the "Office of Minority Health" was created in 1992.

In January 1997, a major reorganization within state government created three new agencies. At that time the Office of Minority Health (OMH) became one of several public health offices within Health and Human Services System. In 1997, the Office of Minority Health was staffed with an Administrator, Mr. Roméo Guerra, and an Administrative Assistant, Ms. Cindy Harmon.

In 2000, recognizing the need to build stronger health focused relationships with Nebraska's four federally recognized tribes, the Omaha nation, the Winnebago nation, the Santee Sioux nation, and the Ponca nation, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, Mr. Ron Ross, authorized a new position within the Office of Minority Health: Native American Health Liaison. This statewide position honors the special nature of government-to-government relationships between Nebraska tribal nations as federal entities and the sovereignty of the American Indian tribes in Nebraska. Since 2000, Ms. Nettie Grant Sikyta has served in this capacity. At that time Dr. Onyema Nkwocha was hired as a program analyst.

In June 2001, Nebraska's unicameral state government passed Legislative Bill LB692, which expanded the Office of Minority Health to include two satellite offices. One is located in Congressional District 2 (Douglas County, Omaha, Nebraska), and is staffed by Ms. Tanya Cook. The other satellite office is located in Congressional District 3 (Dawson County, Lexington, Nebraska) and is staffed by Ms. Josie Rodriguez, with an extension office located in Gering, Nebraska, staffed by Mr. Dave Micheels. The satellite offices, under the direction of the Central Office of Minority Health, coordinate with local and regional health agencies, other state agencies and organizations in efforts related to minority health activities; collect, evaluate and develop minority health data, develop and promote minority health training materials; and provide technical assistance and support to minority health grantees, community organizations, and projects which focus on the elimination of health disparities and the equalization of health outcomes for Nebraska's racial/ethnic minorities, Native Americans, newly arrived immigrants and refugees.



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